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Britain's Huge Surplus

London, Mar. 31.—The Treasury disclosed that it had a surplus of £635,380,863 in hand as the financial year ended to-night.

This balance was more than twice the estimate made last November by the then Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton—and that the estimate was £38,000,000 on his original estimate when the financial year began.

The expenditure during the year was cut to £3,187,104,303 and revenue rose to £3,844,859,941. £222,373,875 went into sinking funds. If conditions were normal, a surplus of this size would mean a reduction in the income tax when the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, presents his first budget to Parliament next Tuesday.

Because of the need to boost exports and prevent inflation, the Chancellor is expected to offer the taxpayer few, if any, reliefs.—Reuter.

DEFICIT WIPED OUT

Dublin, Mar. 31.—Eire closed its financial year today with a surplus of £13,177.

It had a deficit of £4,511,971, in the previous year.

Total revenue of £65,107,845 was the greatest in Eire's history.—Associated Press.

DEVALUATION SPECULATION

New York, Mar. 31.—The Saturday Evening Post, whose editorial opinions reflect those of big business favouring "free enterprise," says in a leader in its current issue that the French "devaluation of the franc will eventually dictate a similar course for England."

In a leader entitled "Britain's Sore Spot," the magazine declared: "The country cannot indefinitely sanction a certain ratio between the dollar and the pound long after the ratio has ceased to be recognised in the free market."

The first effect of devaluation would undoubtedly be to increase the cost of British imports, but there would also be a new stimulus to Britain's exports which would earn at least some of the dollars which Britain needs.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

The Budget Debate

FROM the public viewpoint there will be little dispute with the critics of the 1948-9 Budget advanced on Tuesday by the Unofficial members of Legislative Council. For the most part their arguments were stated cogently and their line of attack well considered and skilfully developed. The general impression left was that the Unofficials are willing, more and more, to speak for the people. Many of the criticisms were repetitions or expansions of comments which, for some time past, have appeared in the Press, but this does not detract from their value; on the contrary they were given the voice and emphasis of authority which possibly newspaper comment in Hongkong does not enjoy. On several matters the Unofficials were unanimous, and on others there was a sufficiency of opinion to make it morally impossible for Government to evade revised policies. One of the most pertinent criticisms referred to the swallowing up into general revenue of special capital such as land sales. The theme might have been developed. Why, for instance, should substantial surpluses from departments such as the Post Office, Broadcasting and the Kowloon-Canton Railway be wholly absorbed into general revenue? Why should not a proportion of their excess earnings be returned to the department for development and improvement? Revenue earning departments such as these, although making extremely useful contributions are only allocated proportionate expenditure increases to permit their necessary expansion. These are departments which should possess their own capital reserve funds. On the question of

TERRORISTS BLOW UP EXPRESS

40 Arabs Killed In Violent Act Of Sabotage

Jerusalem, Mar. 31.—Forty people were killed and 60 injured when the Cairo-Haifa express was blown up by an electrically-detonated land mine near Benyamina, northern Palestine, today.

Most of the dead were in one coach, which was completely demolished when the mine exploded under a bridge north of Benyamina. Two other coaches were overturned. British military ambulances and a unit of troops were sent to the scene for rescue work.

The explosion separated the engine from the rest of the train and pushed it 100 yards along the track, according to Jewish reports from Tel-Aviv.

Jews who went to the scene of the crash came under fire and were forced to retreat, these reports added. The Jews said the wrecking was believed to be the work of the Jewish terrorist Stern Gang.

Most of the dead, they added, were believed to be members of the Arab Liberation Army.

The Cairo-Haifa express has been wrecked twice in the past 33 days by terrorists.

The explosion occurred as the express sped through an orange grove on the coastal plain of Samaria.

Rescuers who hurried to the scene helped to carry the dead and injured from the shattered coaches and laid them alongside the track. Army authorities reported that some 40 British soldiers were travelling on the train, but there were no reports of any of them being among the casualties.

The first occasion when the Cairo-Haifa express was derailed was on February 29 when Stern Gang terrorists exploded three mines under the last four coaches, killing 20 British soldiers and injuring another 35.

British police and troops in Palestine tonight commenced a widespread hunt for the Jewish terrorists who caused the country's biggest rail disaster today by wrecking the Cairo-Haifa express with the loss of 40 Arab lives.

British Army authorities clamped a road curfew on all Jewish vehicles in the area between Lydda and Haifa, where the train was blown up while it was speeding through an orange grove.

The express was said to have been blown up by Jewish terrorists crouching in the orange grove.—Reuter.

FOOD CONVOY ATTACKED

Jerusalem, Mar. 31.—A Jewish food convoy on route from Tel-Aviv to the relief of beleaguered Jerusalem Jews came under attack on Wednesday by several hundred Arabs near Hartuv.

Haganah reported that one Jew had been killed and several wounded in a battle which has continued since midday.

An Arab source claimed that the convoy was surrounded and "many Jews have been killed and wounded." It is the first Jewish convoy to attempt to run the Arab blockade into Jerusalem since the Arab ambush at Dab El Wad last Friday, which was broken by Haganah reinforcements and British artillery.—Associated Press.

TRUCE "UNREALISTIC"

Haifa, Mar. 31.—In Northern Palestine Arabs, Jews and Britons today declared that the United States proposal for a Holy Land truce "lacked realism."

"It has come too late" said one British official. "How can either side trust each other enough to respect a truce?" added a senior British police official. Jewish spokesmen said the truce would be welcomed with reservations, explaining that the truce would be accepted only if partition was still a future possibility.

The opposite view was expressed by an Arab spokesman who said there could be little trust in the proposed truce until partition was permanently discarded.

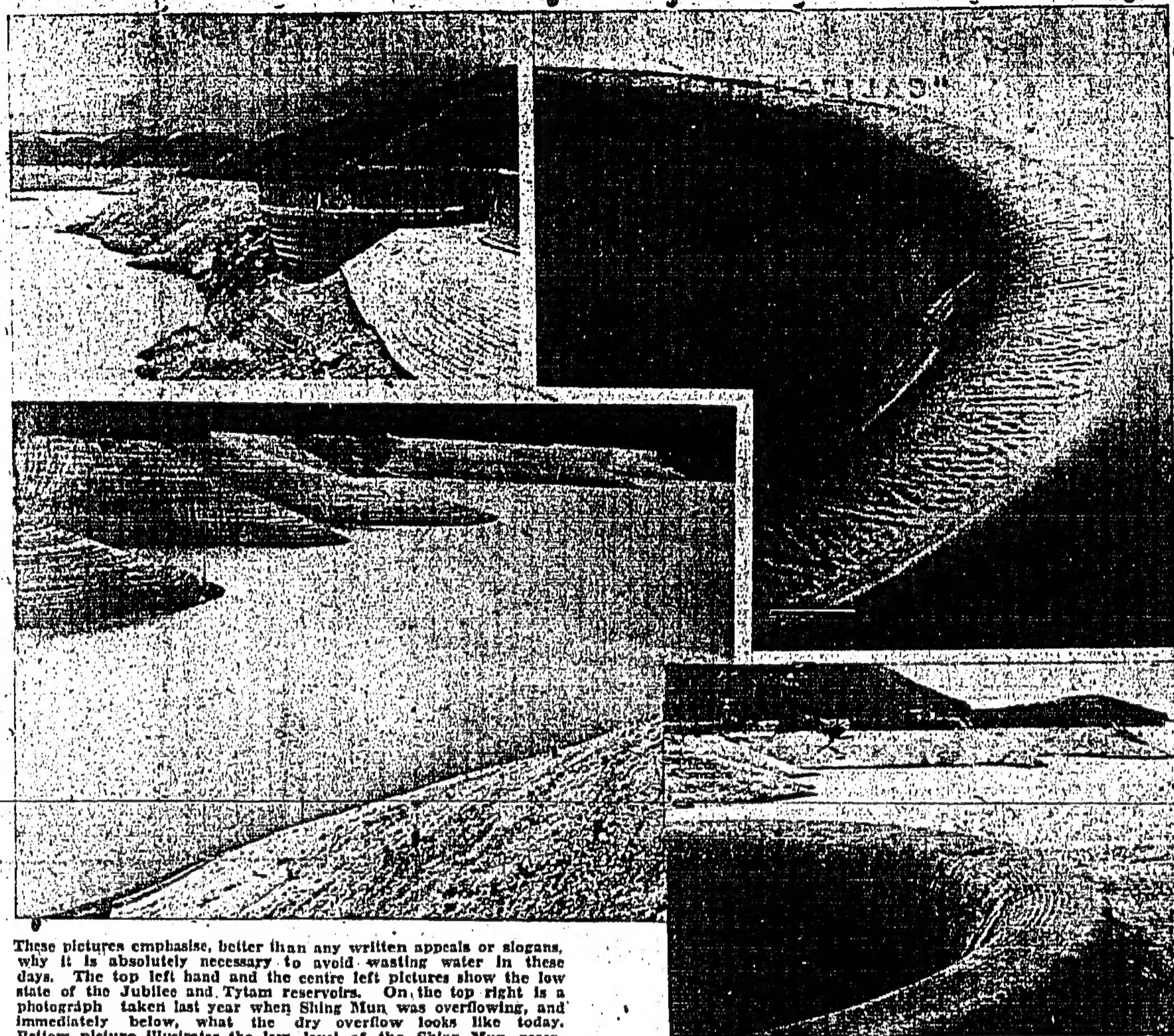
Meanwhile in Haifa there were evidences that British Army threats have brought about an unwritten truce in the past few days.

DOUBTFUL PROMISES

It is understood from army sources that Arab armed forces were prepared to keep the peace if the Jews did. The Jews said they would remain quiet unless the British Army and civilian officials viewed the promises of both with doubt.

The British said they want to keep Haifa quiet until all troops and British civilians are evacuated after the mandate ends on May 15.

The steamship Scythia left today with 1,900 more evacuating Britons including 200 civilians, 200 Police and 1,500 soldiers. The latest sailing brings to about 10,000 the number of British soldiers and civilians who have left since the partition plan was announced.—Associated Press.



These pictures emphasise, better than any written appeals or slogans, why it is absolutely necessary to avoid wasting water in these days. The top left hand and the centre left pictures show the low state of the Jubilee and Tytam reservoirs. On the top right is a photograph taken last year when Shing Mun was overflowing, and immediately below, what the dry overflow looks like today. Bottom picture illustrates the low level of the Shing Mun reservoir with the water line set below the normal of the measuring tower. All pictures, with the exception of the overflowing Jubilee reservoir which is the work of C. C. Lau, were taken by Ming Yuen.

SOVIET TRANSPORTATION CONTROL IN GERMANY

Berlin, Mar. 31.—The Russian Military Ministry has delivered notes to the three Western occupation powers in Berlin announcing its intention to impose controls on rail and road traffic between Berlin and the British-American-French zones of Germany.

American officials said that the notes had been received but declined to make known their contents.

The action was interpreted by observers as the latest of a series of Russian moves apparently designed to disrupt four power rule of Germany.

The railway line and highway are used by the British, French and Americans not only to supply their troops in Berlin but to bring food and supplies from Western Germany to the population of Berlin.

MUST BE CERTIFIED

The Russians in notes sent to the three western allies said that all military and civilian personnel and families of the western allies going through the Soviet zone by train or car would be required to present documents certifying to their identities and the fact that they belong to the agencies of the Military Government.

The Soviet order goes into force at midnight on Wednesday night, the Russian note said.

The Russians also announced that goods traffic of the Western powers would not be permitted to leave Berlin for the western zones without a certificate of the zone authorities. In effect the Russians announced they intended to board military trains of the western allies and subject goods and passengers to inspection.

Gen. N. C. D. Brownhohn, Deputy British Military Government Governor in a note sent to the Military Administration said: "We do not recognise that the Soviet authorities have any unilateral rights to decide what persons or goods may enter or leave the city of Berlin. The Soviet authorities have no right to interfere with trains carrying British personnel to and from Berlin."—Associated Press.

AMERICAN BAN

Frankfurt, Mar. 31.—American Military authorities on Tuesday night banned Berlin-bound American

trains from entering the Russian zone of Germany until new travel restrictions in the Russian zone are clarified.

This was learned authoritatively from sources who declined to be quoted.—Associated Press.

DEMAND REJECTED

Berlin, Mar. 31.—British authorities have rejected a Soviet demand for Russian inspection of British military trains travelling through the Soviet zone. They have ordered British train commanders not to permit Russian officers to board their trains.—Associated Press.

Beef Extract Packed In Ink Bottles

Canberra, Mar. 31.—Mr R. T. Pollard, Australian Minister of Commerce and Agriculture, said today that he was investigating reports that beef extract had been sent to Hongkong packed in ink bottles.

The Hong Kong Trade Commissioner was sending him samples, and if the offence were proved, Mr. Pollard added, the firm responsible would be refused further licence to export.

Export licences, he said, would be refused to all exporters who ignored warnings about shoddy packing of goods. The standard of packing generally in the Commonwealth was "pretty good," but some mushroom firms were exporting badly packed goods, damaging Australia's good-will in foreign markets.—Reuter.

MARSHALL OPPOSES AID FOR SPAIN

Bogota, Mar. 31.—Mr George Marshall, the American Secretary of State, has issued instructions to the State Department at Washington to make every effort to kill the inclusion of Spain in the House of Representatives measure for Marshall aid, Reuters learned authoritatively today.

Mr Marshall was said here to be gravely concerned over the effect that the inclusion in European aid of Spain, openly described by opponents in Congress as Fascist, would have on the Italian people who are facing a crucial election on April 18.

It was understood that he has been in touch with Mr. Robert Lovett, acting Secretary of State, and that a formal expression of his opinion might come from Washington soon.

Not all the damage can be repaired, it was feared here, and if this should prove true, Mr Marshall may consider issuing a statement here during his attendance at the Pan-American Conference.

The statement would be an effort to counter an expected propaganda campaign by the Communists, built on the action of the House of Representatives in support of the Franco Government.—Reuter.

NOW BELONGS TO THE STATE

London, Mar. 31.—Britain's electricity supply industry, which enabled the country's war effort to withstand the continuous German air attacks, passes into public ownership tonight.

The industry, which provides the livelihood of a million workers and their dependents, is technically the most advanced system of its kind in the world.—Reuter.

Princess Curtails Her Engagements

London, Mar. 31.—Princess Elizabeth had made no further engagements after June, a Buckingham Palace official told Reuters today, but he refused to comment on persistent rumours that the heiress to the Throne and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, were expecting a baby in October.

The usual procedure for announcing an expected birth in the Royal Family is an official notice from a Royal residence that "so and so will not, for the next few months, be undertaking any further engagements."

It has been confirmed by Buckingham Palace that a nursery floor is being built into Clarence House, St James' Palace, which will not be ready for Princess Elizabeth and her husband until early next year.

It has also been announced that Princess Elizabeth has given up horseback riding, love of which she shares with her husband.—Reuter.

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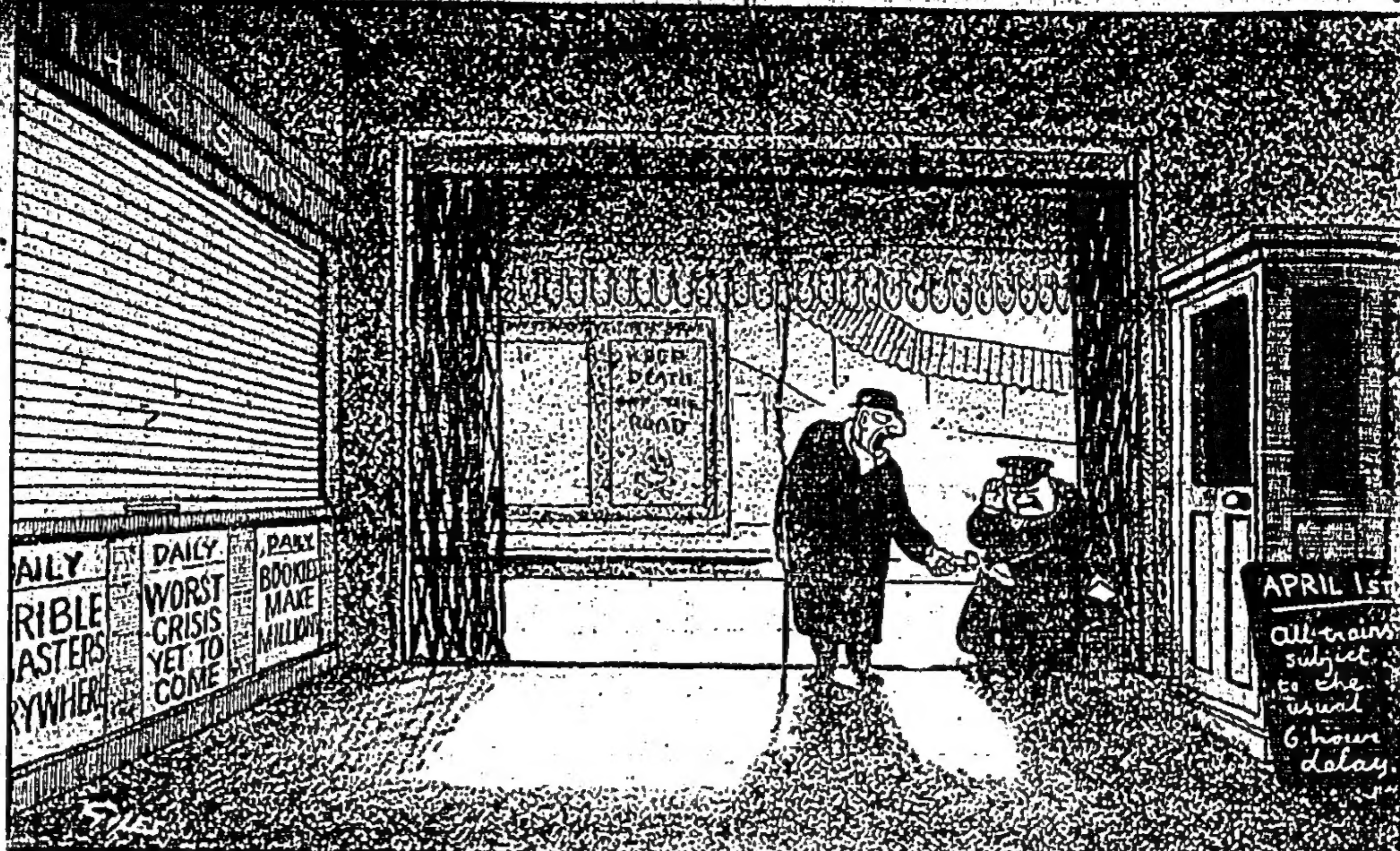
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"I said, 'Oh to be in England now that April's here,' you old fool!"

Soviet 'tourists' start hotting-up in Finland



SEFTON DELMER'S NEWSMAP

comes today from Helsinki, where, says Delmer, "there is a chance—just an outside chance—that Finland may make the Soviet scorecard read 5-4 in the nine matches I have seen in play in The Iron Curtain Game."

HELSINKI, March 15. I AM beginning to feel a bit like a doctor going his rounds during an epidemic. Eight times during the past 12 months I have visited countries which the Soviet Union has thought to bring under its sway, either with an alliance or by a Communist coup from within. Eight times, that is, without counting such cases as France, Italy, and Austria.

bers of the delegation were non-Communist Finns. This time they have a Communist in the team. It is difficult to be skilful when all your plans are known in advance.

Score: 5-3

ALL the same I am not giving up Finland—not quite. Particularly as, with one exception, all the important Finns I have spoken to—financiers, trade union chiefs, politicians, diplomats, and businessmen—are refusing to give up.

And now, at the end of a long flight from a warm and sunny London, I have stepped out into the biting wind and freezing slush of cold, grey, ice-bound Helsinki, to call on Patient Number Nine.

Already at the airport they gave me the latest news. The date for the departure of the Finnish delegation for Moscow, where they are to negotiate the alliance proposed by Stalin, has been fixed for next Saturday.

The Cabinet has been meeting almost permanently for the last three days at President Paasikivi's palace. The Social Democrat and Agrarian Ministers, supported by the President, are trying to whittle down the powers of the delegation, which is led by fellow-travelling Premier Pekkala and his Communist Minister of the Interior, Leino.

Familiar Sound

THE anti-Communists in the Cabinet do not want the delegation to negotiate military clauses. They are afraid that if they do they will give the Russians the right to establish defence bases in Finland.

And with the Russians in the country there would be no resistance.

Yes, it sounds familiar enough. And from what I have been able to discover since, it certainly looks as though the anti-Communists are losing the fight in the Cabinet. Military experts, led by 67-year-old German-trained General Erik Heinrichs, are accompanying the delegation. That means that military clauses will be negotiated.

Nor do I believe the traditional stalling tactics and skilful stubbornness of the Finns can help them much on this visit to Moscow. In 1939 all the mem-

Out of the eight matches I have seen played in the Iron Curtain Game, the Communists and Russians have won five (Poland, Bulgaria, Hungary, Rumania, and Czechoslovakia). They have lost three (Turkey, Persia, and Greece).

There is just an outside chance that Finland will make the Communists' scorecard read 5-4.

For one thing there is a chance that the Finnish Diet may feel confident enough in support from the West to refuse ratification of the pact if it includes disagreeable items.

If so, I do not believe Stalin will try to settle the issue by overt force.

In Finland there is, to put it mildly, no pro-Russian feeling as there was in Czechoslovakia. There is no fear of a German revival and consequent desire for protection by Russia, as there was in Czechoslovakia.

The trade unions, which in Czechoslovakia and all the other Iron Curtain countries were under Communist control and the main weapon of the Communist coup, here in Finland are Social Democrat, anti-Communist and anti-Soviet.

"If the Communists try to seize power illegally," a trade union leader said to me, "they will find themselves faced with a general strike."

Reinforcements

BUT the Communists are preparing for this situation, and they are preparing thoroughly. "Tourists," organised on the basis of the Nazi Fifth Column and recruited from the Finnish-speaking Soviet Karelians, are daily crossing the border to

reinforce the Communist shock brigades now being formed here among the Finns themselves.

The Finnish authorities cannot stop these Karelians from coming, and nobody knows how many have got here already.

For under the existing treaty the Finns have no right to stop, question, or search anyone crossing the border in possession of a Soviet passport.

Some of these shock troops have already been seen in action together with the Finns. They have been making the rounds of Helsinki's newspapers, protesting against articles criticising the Finnish-Soviet pact.

They have paid a practice visit or two to the Diet to intimidate deputies. They have broken up anti-pact rallies.

No Support?

THE huge anti-Communist and anti-pact majority in the Diet will, I think, abstain from voting on the pact altogether rather than reject it if they cannot count on the

ring being held for them by UNO and the Western Powers.

The Finns are tired of their David and Goliath act, which never comes off, and they don't intend to play it again.

So far, there is no sign of anything but verbal sympathy from Britain and America. In fact, the United States Government's first reaction when the Stalin proposal of a pact was announced was to put an embargo on steel shipments to Finland. The Finns took that as a sign that the Americans had written them off and regarded any further shipments to Finland as a present to the Soviet.

There may, of course, be a change in American policy. A committed Soviet Finland is a long-term threat to Scandinavia, in whose safety and democracy the Americans have recently discovered a major political and strategic interest.

But, on the whole, I believe the Americans are more likely to leave Finland to its fate. If you ask me, I give the Finns an outside chance, but I put my money on "the tourists."

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THE House of Commons has adjourned. One of the silliest remarks ever made on such an occasion was made by a man who lived in a remote village in the Cheviot foothills.

He said, "What will it be like without them?" One answer might have been, "What is it like with them?"

(Tomorrow, "Is This New Comet Eatable?" by a Student of Affairs.)

Mr. Velvette's decision

DEAR SIR, After consultation with Mr. Penmore, I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that your acceptance of the offer of a job in my firm, while admirable in itself, is definitely not suited to serious ballet. I hope that, when we bring into our repertoire later on one or two lighter works, it may be possible to offer you a part in one of them. I regret this decision, but I am sure we can part in friendship.

Yours sincerely,
Colin Velvette.

Their reply

O MR. VELVETTE, We think we were, we were being a lot far more happier on the good old days which we were performing in vestibules of luxurious hostels, no yes. What does not agree with him was all them crowd of dauncers enterfering about us, leaping up and twoddlng above their toes like mad things, and making

faces in the air and 'kicking.' We have never before saw such wonders, and they was rude to us, but we have replied many a wicked Persian word what they was not oonderstanding, ho yes, beneath hour breathing how course for pertiness. O Sir, thank you from hys three for oncleruding in your good-bye document manure, but you spell wrong etchuluh. Whenover we see that word for the futcher we think hoy you, ho yes. Hour love to Hofroginiara, etchuluh.

The Filthistan Trio, sir.

Professor Shy's electric red herring

IN suggesting that I have other and baser reasons than devotion to the new philosophies for "boosting" (as he vulgarly puts it) Mrs. Palmer, the Egeria of Presuppositionism Professor Shy relates an absurd story about Gortie Leibnitz calling her the "cast off toy of Cambridge biologists." I leave Mr. Palmer to deal with this, contenting myself with remarking that it was Miss Leibnitz who was found in Dr. Sigillico's wardrobe at the Presuppositionist rally at Chalfont St. Giles last August. She pretended to have got into the wardrobe to eat a box of dates she had found in an old coat belonging to the London School of Economics. Perhaps Professor Shy's apologist, Dr. Rooce, would care to tell us what all this has to do with philosophy, using the word, in its vilest sense.

Londoners pay £27,000 to get a laugh from the man who never tells a joke

DANNY IN WONDERLAND

By Charles Graves

LONDON, Mar. 13.

BY the end of this week nearly a quarter of a million people will have paid to see Danny Kaye in the flesh.

This is made up by 14 week-day performances for six weeks at the Palladium, where the capacity house—including standing room—is 2,000, and a Sunday concert also at the Palladium, totalling 22,000. There were also three Sunday concerts at leading cinemas in Kilburn, Tooting and Hammermith.

"The Golden Boy of Vaudeville" has broken every record in theatrical history during the past six weeks. Quite apart from the takings at the Sunday concerts he has drawn more than £77,000 to the Palladium.

Yet not one of his performances has been exactly the same as its predecessor. Both running time and material are dependent on Danny's mood and its effect on each individual audience.

LAST week, having arrived rather late at the theatre, he suddenly felt in need of a cup of tea. He promptly asked for one from the stage. It was not a real request. It was an impromptu gag. But when, to his surprise, the cup of tea was brought, he proceeded to do a brilliant piece of pantomime while he drank it. "Say, there was nothing else I could do, was there?" he commented to me afterwards.

Indeed, with the exception of three songs neither he nor his accompanist, nor the orchestra have any fixed idea of what he is going to do next, and even then he usually alters their sequence.

At some performances, if out of breath, he will sit on the stage and talk to the people in the front row. He has proved to be the ad lib king.

As his manager says, he could sit on the stage and improvise all evening if he felt like it. The longest of his performances lasted 71 minutes. On that occasion the King and Queen broke all precedents by sitting in the stalls.

Danny's shortest performance at the Palladium was 30 minutes, when he had a sore throat at one matinee and was afraid of losing his voice that evening. "I cheated those people. It's not right," he told his manager in real distress, as he came off the stage.

FOR the first time in this country there has been a "black market" in theatre tickets. As much as £20, 0s. has been offered by a recognised ticket agency to the holders of seats to persuade them to sell. There are stories of £10 being offered in isolated instances for single tickets. And hundreds of 13s. 6d. tickets have changed hands at £2 2s. to £3 3s. apiece.

This week he has been offered 20,000 American dollars by a Swedish impresario for one week in Stockholm, but he has turned it down in order to entertain the British and American "troops" in Germany.

The story that he had been offered a similar sum for a single performance in the North of England was not accurate but, in any event, he keeps only 13 cents out of every dollar he makes (about 1s. 6d. in the £). He pays a salary of £500 a week, all found, to his accompanist, Sam Prenger. It has been stated that Danny Kaye has been receiving—on paper—£5,000 a week from the Palladium, but this is denied. Danny is as reticent about his earnings as he is about the many occasions when he has met members of the Royal Family during the past six weeks.

The most astonishing feature of his performance is that he has not told a single joke, much less a Stock Exchange story, in any of his 80 performances.

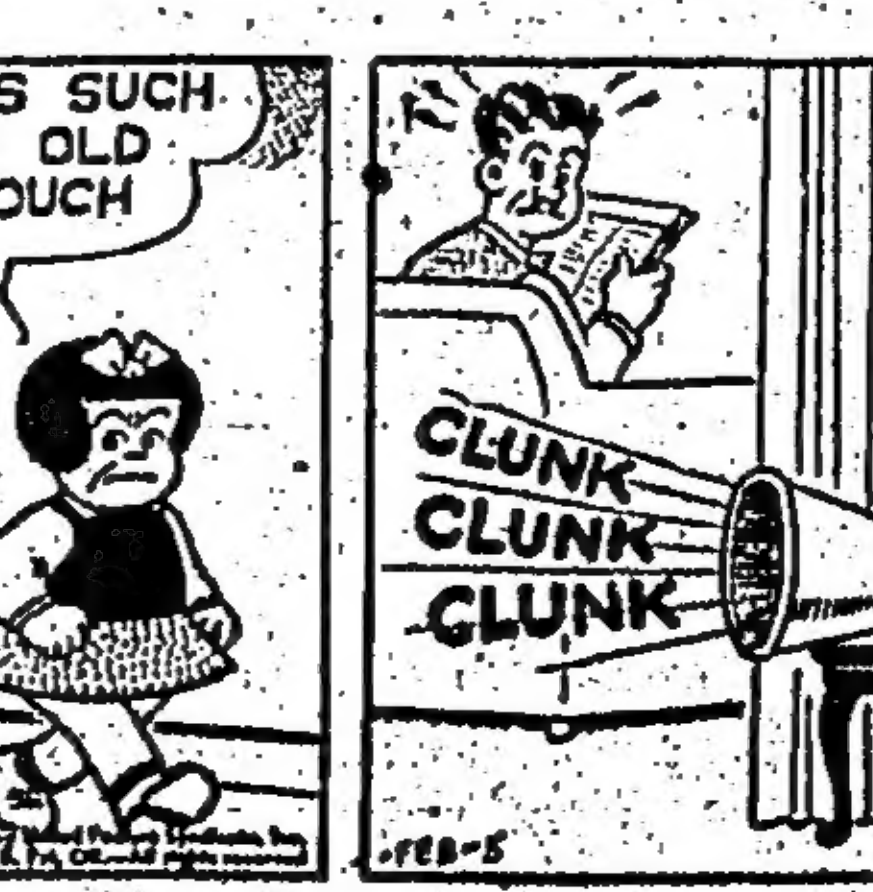
THE re-issue of his six-year-old film, "Up in Arms," is estimated to bring in an additional £200,000, owing to his personal appearances over here. But he does not participate personally in this windfall, and, unfortunately for us, neither of his last two films—"The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" and "A Song Is Born," can be shown in this country until the 75 percent ban is removed.

POCKET CARTOON by CSBERT LANCASTER

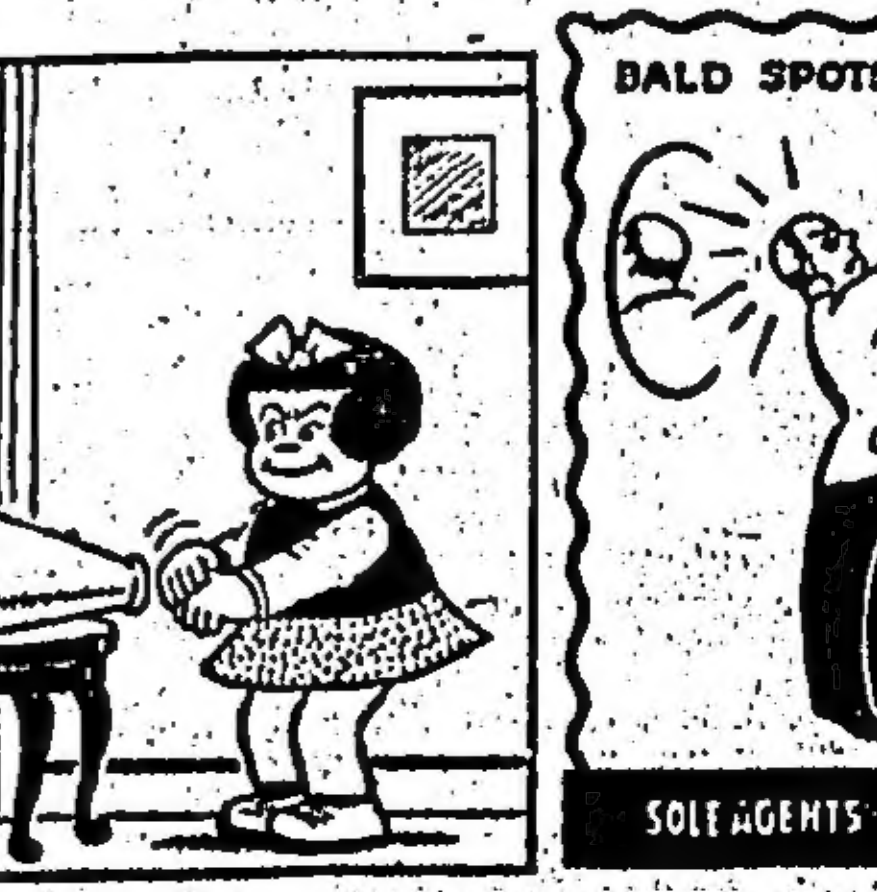


Would you mind just nudging an until Col. Booth con's finished screening himself on the other line?

NANCY Are Ya Listenin'?



By Ernie Bushmiller



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DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know that you can keep your lips soft and smooth by putting a drop of olive oil on your lips at night?

Do you know that sleeping pills are habit forming and very dangerous? Do you know that a glass of warm milk will induce restful sleep?

Do you know that a lemon of vinegar rinse in "hard" water will prevent that "curd" which forms on your hair, which is indicative of "hard" water?

Do you know that normal, healthy hair does not fall out easily? A single normal hair will support a two-ounce weight without coming out or breaking!

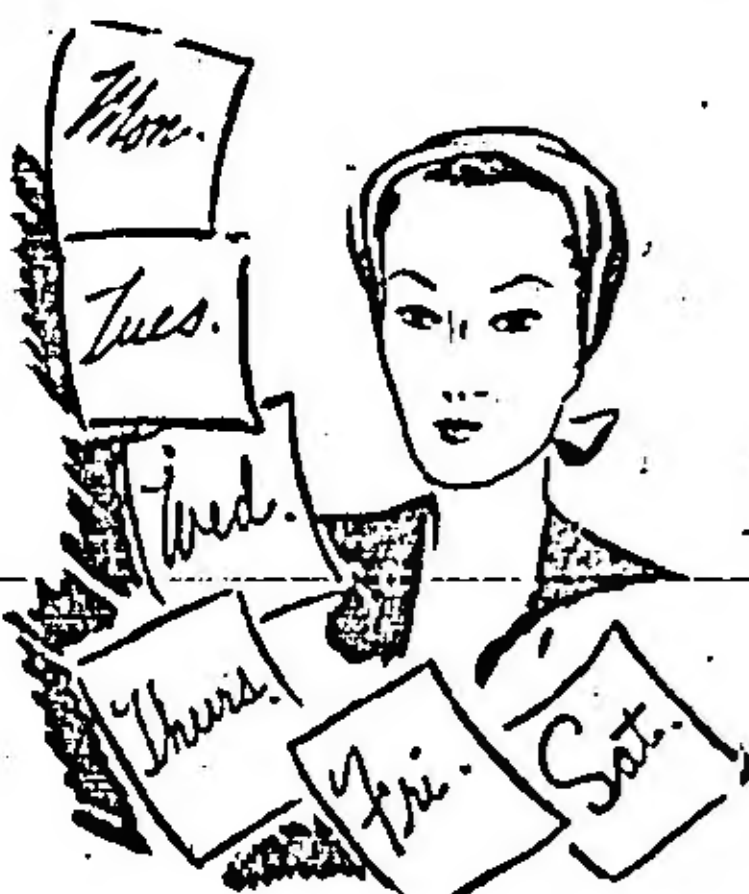
Do you know that it is better for your spine and for posture to sleep on a hard bed?

Do you know that a vinegar rinse makes dark hair very soft and easy to manage?

Do you know that the coarse side of an emeryboard should be used to file soft nails?

Minute Makeup

by GABRIELLE



One Minute, night and morning, spent in putting on a tiny bit of cream, erase lines and dryness. An extra Minute, spent in blotting away excess lipstick, gives the well groomed look. An extra Minute used to wash the eyes with lotion preserves Beauty and Good Sight. One Minute to blend rouge bespeaks your good taste and makes you look both Pretty and Natural!

Do you know that "nerves" are often the cause of dry skin, dry hair and nails that break? So, calm yourself.

Do you know that deep breathing is the reason for the glowing complexion of many slingers?

Do you know that fresh air vitalizes your hair. So, shake your "crowning glory" in the breeze as often as you can!

Do you know that Good Posture is a weapon against the appearance of age?

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

DISCOLOURED pewter articles should be washed in hot soapsuds, then rinsed thoroughly so that no soap is left in crevices. Dry thoroughly to prevent pitting. Light tarnish can be removed with silver polish. If the tarnish is severe, apply silver polish with a soft brush. While the polish is wet, apply a heavy lather of mild soap, work up to soap lather and polish; rinse in hot water with a little softener added, and dry thoroughly. Rub to a soft lustre with a flannel polishing cloth. A soft lustre is preferable to a bright shiny surface on pewter.

CURTAINS

Measurements for curtains and draperies must be accurate, for an inch too much or too little detracts from the total effect. For glass curtains, professionals measure the sash across the jamb edge to jamb edge for width, and from bottom of the rod to the top of the sill for length. Allow for shrinkage, hems, endings and headings, and add this figure to the total.

IVORY

You can tell when an article is genuine ivory by examining its structure. In pure ivory little waves may be seen under the microscope if not by the naked eye. If the ivory is artificial, little holes can be detected in the bone.

LAMP SHADES

Lamp shades must be kept free from dust or light will be reduced. They should be brushed thoroughly once a week inside and out, with a soft brush or with the soft brush attachment of the vacuum cleaner. Special cleaning depends upon the material of which the shade is made.

Self-Sacrifice Of Peiping Mother

Three years ago, Mrs Liu's husband died, leaving her with no funds to care for their three children. There was only one way to tackle her problem: get a job to support her family and to send the children to school.

STUDIED FOR EXAM IN PRISON CAMP

Fred Smoother, Roddymoor miner, has just received his first-class mining engineering certificate, which he gained the hard way.

He studied for it when held in solitary confinement by the Germans by knocking plaster off his cell walls and using it as slates on which to work out mathematical and other problems and to revise his knowledge of mining technicalities gained at the local night school before he joined the Royal Air Force.

His seven aircrew comrades were killed when they were shot down in France on a bombing raid on Germany. Warrant Officer Smoother escaped by parachute, buried it and hid in a cornfield for three days. Ultimately a kindly French schoolmaster took care of him, but the Germans eventually caught Fred and accused him of spying. The schoolmaster was shot.

Questioned By Gestapo
The Gestapo interrogated him for long periods, but Fred managed to prove that he was a member of the crew of a wrecked bomber and not a spy. For nearly 60 days he was kept in solitary confinement in prison. During that time he used up nearly all the wall plaster as slates for working out mining engineering problems.

At the end of the war he resumed work in the pits at Wigan, studying mining engineering at the local technical college.

With the award of his mining engineer's certificate has come the offer of a post as Dust Suppression Assistant at the East Durham Collieries by the National Coal Board. It is a far cry to the days when fresh from school he was a pony driver at Roddymoor Colliery, Durham.

She could read and write. She could turn to her husband's friends to find her a job suitable for a woman. Mrs Liu, however, did not seek the easy way out. Instead, she chose something which not only made her famous throughout China overnight, but gave her as well the distinction of being the country's first woman pedicab driver.

Mrs Liu began her laborious work last January, after every single possession of hers had been pawned to sustain her children. Without telling anyone, she disguised herself as a man, went out and hired a pedicab.

From then on, every night, while her children slept, she donned her masquerade, slipped out of her home and went on her business of soliciting passengers, reports Reuter.

Children Found Out

She did this job for two months before her children discovered it. They begged her to give up this hard work and went so far as to keep her at home by standing guard at night to prevent her from going out. Eventually, they gave up. Money again became scarce and the children neglected to their mother on condition that she would work only in the day and rest at night.

Peiping, where this happened, soon learned about the self-sacrifice of this courageous woman. It was a woman passenger of Mrs. Liu who divulged her identity. The passenger was so deeply moved that she paid Mrs. Liu ten times her fare. This was declined.

When reporters interviewed her, Mrs. Liu begged that publicity be withheld about her family.

"I was only doing my duty as a parent," she maintained. "My pedicab work is no different from any other job."

National Day Causes Row

The waters of Moscow's diplomatic colony have been stirred by a controversy wherein the chief characters are Szekfu, Hungarian Minister, Von Bischoff, Austrian Minister, Saint Stephen, Hungarian patron saint, Kossuth, leader of the revolution in 1848, and the Hapsburg dynasty.

Hungarian Minister Szekfu sent a letter to the diplomatic colony informing them that the Hungarian national day had been changed from August 20—St. Stephen's Day—to March 15—anniversary of the 1848 revolution. He referred to the centuries' old oppression of Hungary by the "Austrians," whereupon Von Bischoff, a charming and rather old-world Viennese Austrian, replied with a letter in elegant French addressed to the diplomatic colony in which he criticised the alleged historical inaccuracies of Szekfu.

"Who kept the Hungarian peasants in a state of serfdom? It was not the Hapsburgs but the Hungarian nobility who, ignoring the privileges of the widest home rule, neglected to introduce reforms. The revolution of 1848 broke out in Vienna ten days before Budapest. The Viennese revolted against the dispatch of regiments to suppress the Hungarian Kossuth rebellion. And so you are abandoning St. Stephen?"

Mystery Virus Baffles

A mysterious virus which attacks the brain cells was blamed recently for 12 deaths in Britain during the past few months.

It was first mentioned publicly at an inquest on a month-old baby not Wednesday, Staffordshire. A post-mortem examination showed that the child died from acute inflammation of the brain, believed caused by a virus of unknown origin.

The same virus also was blamed for the death of a Wallall, Staffordshire, policeman, a month ago, who died within five hours of being attacked by the virus.

Wallall General Hospital pathologists, investigating the deaths, said the virus was of the encephalitis group. Little is known about the group, they said.

Frank Cooper, coroner at Wednesday, said there had been a number of other cases in other parts of the country during the past few months involving deaths of persons of all ages.

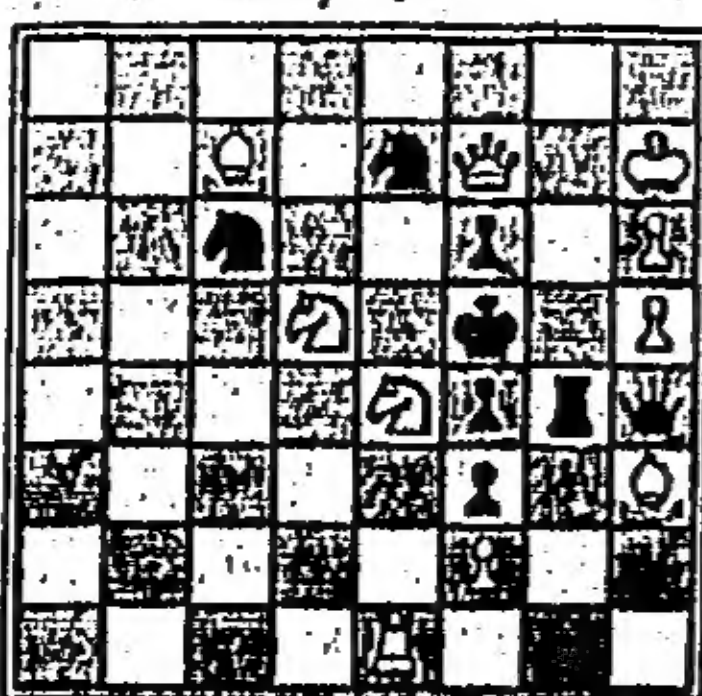
"Even with the best brains in the medical profession, no cure has yet been found," he said. "It has not been possible to isolate the virus which caused the disease."

Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the first people to use poison gas in modern warfare.
2. From what part of Adam's body was Eve formed?
3. Name the largest Canadian province.
4. Locate the Yangtze Gorges.
5. Name the composer, some of whose compositions were so difficult that no one but himself could play them.
6. On what date was contact with the moon made by radar?

CHESS PROBLEM

By C. H. D. CLARK and C. D. RUDD (BCF Tourney 54)
Black, 8 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt-R2, 1... PxKt; 2. Q-B2; 1... K-Q5; 2. B-B2 (ch); 1... K-K7; 2. K-B3; 1... K-K7; 2. K-K4.

Rupert's Silver Trumpet—40

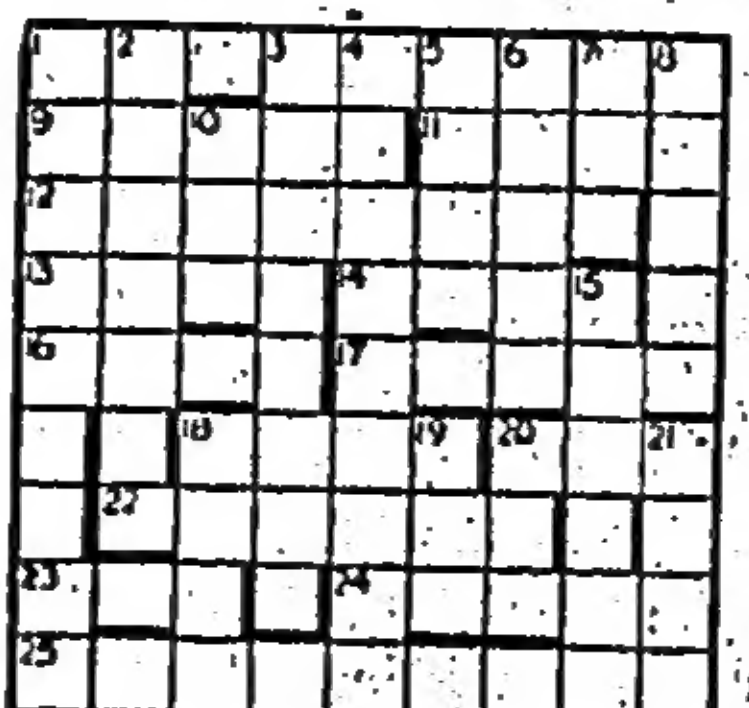


Mr. Bear looks in astonishment at the wonderful things that Rupert shows him. "We're going to have a band of our very own," cries the little bear, "and we're going to practise up on the common. We've had one march, but we didn't sound quite like a real band. I don't know what was wrong." "Well, why not try playing the same tune?" smiles Mr. Bear. "That's an idea," says Rupert. "We will try it!"

THE END.

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CROSSWORD



23. Good round this would be upset. (5)
24. A well-known northern boundary. (6)
25. Had magic the power of illusion? (9)

1. The result of a bar in a bar. (9)
2. The outcome of an assault. (6)
3. Not recurring. (4)
4. A name bean may become tractable. (11)
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6. The lower timber of a ship. (4)
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Hundreds of U.S. Tanks and Trucks shipped to Turkey.
Irish of New York parade on sunny St. Patrick's Day.
Grand National Steeplechase in England, 43 started, 14 finished.
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SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I don't know why I'm so hungry tonight—those two bowls of chili I ate on the way home must have been an appetizer!"

MOSCOW TALKS HITCH

Helsinki, Mar. 31.—Finland's insistence that Soviet Russia should send her military aid only if specifically asked for has caused a hitch in the Finnish-Soviet negotiations for a military assistance and friendship pact, it was learned here tonight.

President Juho Paasikivi, his Cabinet and leaders of parliamentary political groups are meeting tonight to work out fresh instructions for the Finnish delegates, who have been negotiating the pact in Moscow for the past week.

A compromise solution is being sought, it is understood.—Reuter.

CHINESE PLOT BEING PROBED BY SIAMESE

Bangkok, Mar. 31.—The chief of the Siamese police said today that he would issue an official statement shortly about a reported Chinese plot to seize power in Siam.

Bangkok Radio quoted the police chief as saying the Siamese police were "already aware of the plot" and that investigations were now being expedited.

The Siamese Prime Minister, Nal Khuanag Abhahongse, said the government was resolved to take "drastic action" if the reports of a plot were substantiated by the police enquiry.

Mr. Li Yeu, Secretary-General of the Kuomintang in Siam, said yesterday that the Party knew nothing about the alleged plot.

He declined to discuss whether Chinese Communist elements, active in Siam, were involved in any such affair.

"I think it is a crazy idea. No sane Chinese would subscribe to it," he added.—Reuter.

New Chinese Envoy

Bangkok, Mar. 31.—Dr. Shih Pao-tai, a high Chinese Government official at Nanking, will be the new Chinese Ambassador to Siam, it was learned here today.

He will succeed Mr. Li Tih-tsen, who returned to Nanking recently to report on the Siamese political situation after the coup d'etat last November. Mr. Li Tih-tsen headed the Chinese Mission to Siam in 1945 which resulted in the Sino-Siamese treaty establishing diplomatic relations between the two countries.—Reuter.

Montgomery In Belgium

Brussels, Mar. 31.—Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, who is here on a tour of Belgian military establishments, when asked today about the recent reports that he might be appointed head of a Joint General Staff of the five signatory nations to the Brussels Western Union treaty, replied that the first he had heard of them was when he opened his newspaper one morning at breakfast.

Asked what would be his reaction of such an appointment, the CIGS replied: "I am a soldier. I always obey orders."

Field Marshal Montgomery said he was visiting the Belgian Army at the invitation of the Belgian Government.

Crowds thronged the streets of Brussels to catch a glimpse of the Field Marshal, and cars taking Ministers on business to Parliament House had to be diverted to a side street.

Field Marshal Montgomery said after his visit to Ostend on Saturday he will be going to Germany.—Reuter.

CLAIM FOLLOWS OPERATION

San Francisco, Mar. 31.—A London dress designer was awarded US\$115,000 damages against a plastic surgeon in San Francisco today following a brief operation which she claimed disfigured her.

Stella Gluckstein, aged 50, testified that the tip of one breast had been misplaced by an operation designed to remove excess fat.

A Superior Court jury of nine women and three men deliberated for 50 minutes on Tuesday before finding against Dr. Philip Lipsitz of Oakland, California.

Mrs. Gluckstein's lawyer said she will return to London soon for additional surgical treatment. Her address was given as Piccadilly, W. 1.—Associated Press.

Murderer Appeals

London, Mar. 31.—An appeal was lodged here today on behalf of James Camb, 31-year-old deck steward in the liner Durban Castle, who was sentenced to death at the Winchester Assizes on March 22 for the murder on the high seas of actress Eileen "Gay" Gibson, a passenger in the ship.

The appeal is not expected to be heard until the end of April.—Reuter.

Proposal To Enlist 50,000 Europeans In American Army

Washington, Mar. 31.—As a partial substitute for conscription, the immediate voluntary enlistment of 50,000 Europeans in the United States Army was urged today by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Republican of Massachusetts.

RUSSIA CUTS CLAIM ON AUSTRIA

London, Mar. 31.—The Soviet Union made a £2,250,000 concession in her claims against Austria when the deputies to the Foreign Ministers of Britain, France, the United States and Russia met here today.

The original Russian claim was for a lump sum payment of £50,000,000 over two years in part settlement of the disposal of German assets in Austria. This figure was later reduced to £43,750,000, and today Mr. H. V. Korkonov, the Soviet representative, made a new proposal for the payment to Russia of £37,500,000 in convertible currency over a period of six years.

Some disappointment was felt, however, when Mr. Korkonov made it clear that the new figure did not take into account the French proposal that Austrian exterior assets in Hungary, Yugoslavia and Rumania should be used to help pay the sum.

General Pierre Cherriere, the French delegate, said his "enthusiasm" was a good deal less since he heard Mr. Korkonov's remarks on the French proposal, and £37,500,000 in six years was still a little high and he hoped this was not the Soviet last word.

Mr. James Marjoribanks, the British delegate, welcomed the Russian statement, but said he still preoccupied with how Austria could pay this and what would happen if she failed to do so.

Earlier, the British delegate agreed with the French and United States proposal that £25,000,000 should be paid to Russia partly in goods and partly in currency.

Mr. Samuel Reber, the United States deputy, considered that Austria's ability to pay would depend on the other obligations put upon her.—Reuter.

Australian Wool For Japs

Canberra, Australia, Mar. 31.—Australia is on the verge of reaching a three-party trade agreement under which Japan would be permitted to buy up to 50,000 bales of Australian wool annually.

A Government source said that Japan would pay for the wool chiefly with raw silk, silk and textiles.

The agreement would be among Australia, General Douglas MacArthur's command in Japan, and the United Kingdom.

It was reported that the plan would insure Japan's total purchases, balance with her exports to Australia to avoid currency problems.

Japan bought seven thousand bales of Australian wool last year.—Associated Press.

DIPLOMAT'S BID FOR FREEDOM

London, Mar. 31.—Dr. Jan Stransky, 34-year-old member of the Czech Social Democrat Party, who recently "disappeared" from Prague, landed at London Airport tonight with his English-born wife.

They told of their "terrible experience" after they had smuggled themselves out of Prague and made for the American zone of Germany.

After being arrested at any time after the Communist coup, they spent days of patient waiting, before eluding the guards surrounding their house.

After being driven to the Czech frontier by car, they agreed to go separately to ally suspicion. Three days later, they met in a secret hideout.—Reuter.

COULDN'T CASH PAY CHEQUES

Buenos Aires, Mar. 31.—Tens of thousands of workers who queued all day to cash their pay cheques were turned away from the banks here for the second day in succession as 12,000 bank clerks defied the government order to return to work.

General strike leaders were arrested.

Heavily guarded by the police, some banks opened this morning following yesterday's complete paralysis. But by mid-afternoon, most institutions, which had announced last night that political elements had stirred up the strike, today ordered the strikers to return to work or face dismissal.—Reuter.

SNOW WAS RED

Ankara, Mar. 31.—People living near the Turkish Black Sea port of Sinope, awake today to find the countryside covered with reddish snow, supposed by the superstitious to portend bloodshed or war.

The red snow was believed to have been caused by the presence of desert dust in the atmosphere when the snow formed.—Reuter.

Senator Lodge asked the Senate Armed Services Committee to authorise the enlistment of the young manhood of Europe, who would be eligible for citizenship after five years.

He said this would cut down the number of Americans required under temporary conscription. "It is not an attempt to get mercenaries," he said.—Reuter.

Negro Grouch

Washington, Mar. 31.—Millions of his race would refuse to register or serve under conscription or universal military training unless racial segregation and discrimination in the "Service" ceased, a Negro leader told the Senate Armed Services Committee today.

Philip Randolph, head of the American Federation of Labour, appeared before the Committee as national treasurer of a "committee against Jim Crow in military service and training."

He said the negroes would stage a nation-wide civil disobedience protest unless Army policies on segregation were stopped.

Senator Wayne Morse (Republican of Oregon), who is a supporter of the civil rights programmes blocked in Congress, asked Randolph if he meant that he would tell negroes: "Do not shoulder arms in protection of your country."

Time To Change

Mr. Randolph replied: "I would be doing my country a great service if it does not develop the democratic processes at home, then it is not the type of country worth fighting for."

Senator Morse asked what would happen if the United States were attacked or forced into war.

Mr. Randolph replied: "The Government now has time to change its programme on segregation and discrimination. I would recommend that negroes take no part in the Army."

Senator Morse said this would force the Government to "apply the ideal doctrine of treason to this conduct."

Mr. Randolph replied that he realised that such a protest by millions of negroes would "cause terrorism against the negroes," but added: "I think that is a price we have to pay to get our democratic rights."—Reuter.

LIEUTENANT ACQUITTED

London, Mar. 31.—Lieutenant Richard Oliver Langham, 27-year-old Royal Armoured Corps officer, was acquitted at a London court martial today of "disgraceful conduct of a cruel kind."

The verdict ended a trial that opened on March 2 in Hanover, Germany. The proceedings were later transferred to the Duke of York's Barracks, Chelsea, to enable civilian witnesses to attend.

The prosecution had alleged the ill-treatment of two German SS men—Dr. Horst Mahke, former professor at Berlin University and Lt. Col. Rudolf Debsger-Roder—in the British interrogation camp at Bad Nenndorf, Germany.

Evidence for the prosecution said the two Germans were subjected to extensive interrogation and beating at the camp in an effort to extract from them information regarding an attempted uprising of Nazis in 1940. Langham denied the charges and Derek Curtis Barnett, defending, described the two Germans as "charmers, trained liars, and deceivers," said "there has yet to be a court of law which has accepted by itself the evidence of Nazis against British officers."—Associated Press.

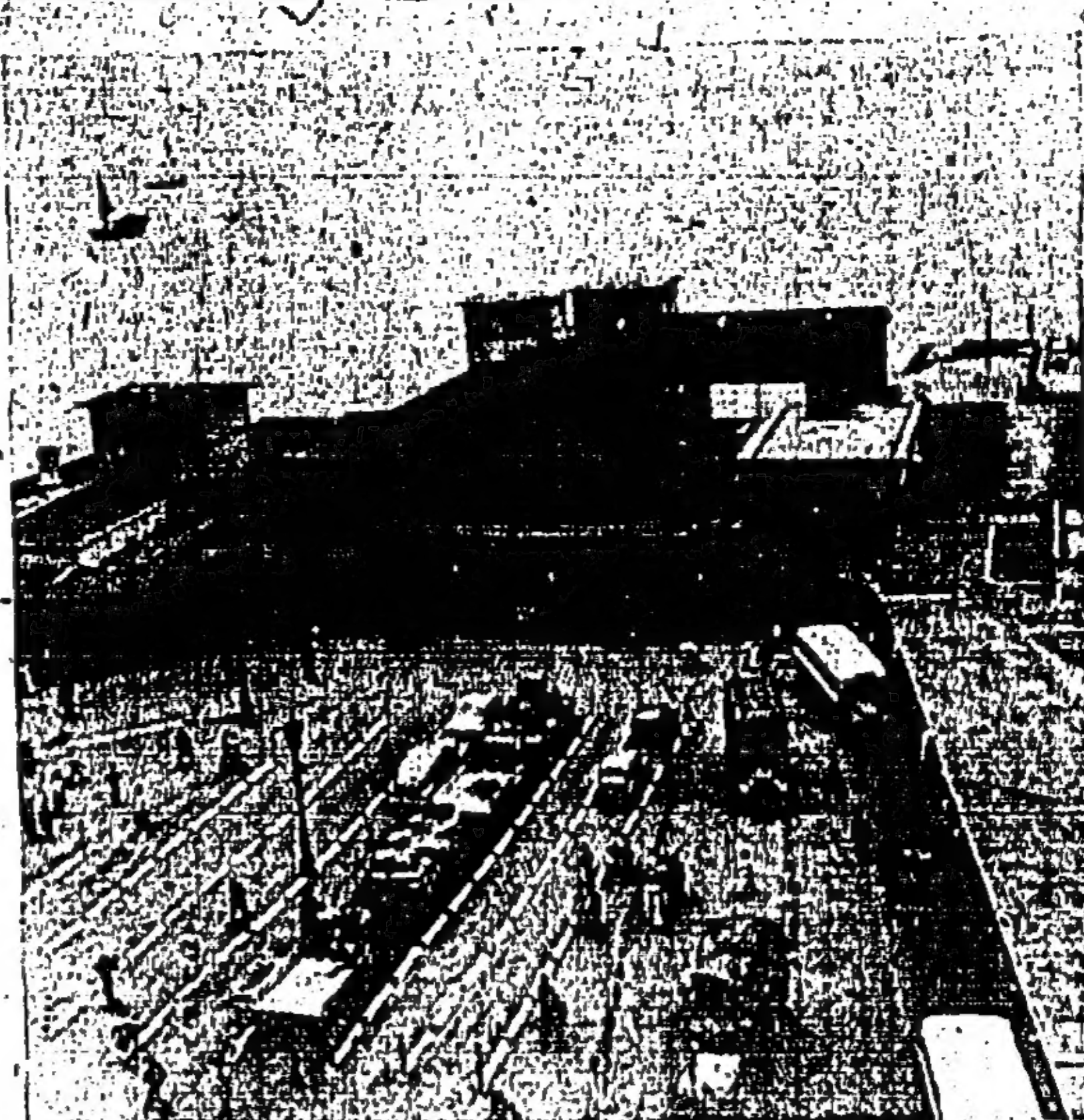
Coming A Little Nearer To Earth

Lake Success, Mar. 31.—The United Nations has decided to reduce by two floors its projected 41 storey skyscraper headquarters in view of rising construction costs.

The decision was taken today by the Headquarters Advisory Committee.—Associated Press.



"He's five thousand years ahead of his time!"



The Police Traffic Department has been streamlining traffic termini on both sides of the harbour. Picture shows the new lane approaches to the Hongkong vehicular ferry wharf.

WORLD SPORT:

Italian Seeks Fight With Freddie Mills

Rome, Mar. 31.—Giovanni Martin, Italian medium heavyweight boxing champion today challenged Freddie Mills, British title-holder to a match.

Martin asked the Italian Boxing Federation to send the challenge to the European Boxing Association.—Associated Press.

MONACHAN REFUSES

Belfast, Mar. 31.—Rinty Monaghan, holder of the world's flyweight title, today refused the US\$12,000 offer of Leo Leavitt, of Honolulu, for another meeting with Dado Marino, whom Monaghan defeated in London last year.

Monaghan is considering a bid by Ben Wasserman, of Douglas, Arizona, to match him with Manuel Ortiz, the world bantamweight champion, for that title, the fight to be held in the United States this summer.

He may also have one or two over-weight fights in America, but will only fight for his own flyweight title in Great Britain.—Reuter.

DEUTCHMAN WINS

Brussels, Mar. 31.—Luc Van Dam, middleweight champion of Holland, outpointed Cyrille Delannoy, Belgian, middleweight champion after 10 rounds at the Palais des Sports, Brussels, on Wednesday night.—Associated Press.

DECISION TO ROSA

Honolulu, Mar. 31.—Chico Rosa, territorial featherweight champion, won a unanimous decision over Manny Ortega, of El Paso, in a 10-round fight.

Rosa knocked Ortega to the canvas in the fifth round with a right to the body and again in the eighth with a smashing right to the jaw that left Ortega groggy.

Rosa weighed 121 and Ortega 124.—United Press.

THREE DOWN

Los Angeles, Mar. 31.—Maxie Docson, New Orleans Filipino, defeated Leon Escobar in a 10-round decision which was not popular with part of the 9,500 fans.

Italian Labour Strike Threat

Rome, Mar. 31.—Italian Communists threatened today to order a nation-wide strike, tying up all Italy 10 days before the April 18 elections.

Giuseppe Di Vittorio, Communist president of Italy's 6,000,000-strong General Confederation of Labour, announced in Palermo, Sicily, that his executive committee will call the strike if the police fail to trace a missing Sicilian labour leader by April 8.

The strike plan as outlined by Di Vittorio calls for a one-hour work stoppage on April 8, increasing hourly by each day until the labour leader's disappearance is cleared up.

The labour leader, Placido Rizzotto, disappeared mysteriously about 20 days ago from his labour chamber headquarters at Corleone, Sicily. Police since have found no trace of him. Left wingers have charged that he was kidnapped or killed by right wingers.—Associated Press.

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Macao, Tientsin and Shekai (Sea) 2 p.m.
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Kongkong (Sea) 5 p.m.
Canton (Parcels, Papers and Cards only) (Sea) 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2
Closing Times By Air
Canton (Kowloon CPO) 7.50 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 3 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Swatow and Amoy, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord).
Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin, Peking, Chungking, Foochow, Canton and Swatow, 9.30 a.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Macao, Tientsin and Shekai (Sea) 5 a.m.
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 5.30 a.m.
Canton (Parcels, Papers and Cards only) (Sea) 5.30 a.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekai (Sea) 10 a.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekai (Sea) 2 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekai (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Parcels, Papers and Cards only) (Train) 3 p.m.
Japan (Ordinary Letters and Cards only) 3 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekai (Sea) 4 p.m.
Canton (Parcels, Papers and Cards only) (Sea) 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3
Closing Times By Air
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 3.30 p.m.
Canton, Hankow, Shanghai, Tientsin, Peking and Moscow, 5.30 p.m.
Closing Times By Sea & Train
Macao, Tientsin and Shekai (Sea) 2 p.m.
Canton (Parcels and Cards only) (Train) 2 p.m.
Bangkok (Sea) 2 p.m.
Macao, Tientsin and Shekai (Sea) 4 p.m.
Kongkong (Sea) 5 p.m.
Canton (Parcels, Papers and Cards only) (Sea) 5 p.m.

Six-Point Plan For Freedom Of Press

Geneva, Mar. 31.—The creation of a World Council of Information to issue corrections of false reports issued by the press, radio and films, was proposed today by France.

The suggestion formed part of a six-point plan for press freedom and the restriction of false reports placed before the United Nations Conference which is meeting here to discuss freedom of information.

M. Jean Le Tournau, the French delegate, said the Council would also provide journalists with international press cards, giving them the right to special facilities in foreign countries.

The plan proposed:

1. Insistence on non-discrimination against journalists and newspapers.
2. Condemnation of all censorship in peacetime.
3. The production of measures to prevent the organisation of "monopolies, cartels and other arrangements which result in standardising sources of information, preventing citizens from learning all the versions of the facts reported and depriving them of multiplicity and variety of news."
4. The creation of an international Council of Information, formed for the most part of professional journalists, which would watch over the application of the international conventions on free information expected to result from the Conference.
5. The provision of an international press card to be allotted by the Council and withdrawn for breaches of professional conduct.
6. The right of international rectification. If newspapers refused to publish a Government rectification of mis-reported news, the international Council of Information would be responsible for preventing it publicly without pronouncing on its accuracy.

3. In time of war. Disputes between states over the interpretation of the convention would be referred to the International Court of Justice.

The Albanian delegate today accused world news agencies of spreading false and "ridiculous" information about Albania. He said Reuters, Associated Press and United Press had all given false reports about the "Free Democratic Government of Greece" which they had at various times, stated to be in Albania, Northern Greece and Bulgaria.—Reuter.

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